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Council Vote For Zoning Approval Moved to June 16th

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(June 2, 2004- TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced Wednesday that he will ask the City Council to push back the vote on the rezoning of the South Troy Waterfront to June 16th in an effort to offer the public more time to comment on the important issue.

Tutunjian said in a statement Wednesday that the law approving the zoning change will be introduced at the Council meeting this Thursday, and he will ask the council to hold a special meeting on June 16th to approve the plan. A public hearing would be held that night concerning the issues of the zoning change.

"This is a very important step in the history of our City, and we do not want to be perceived as shoving anything down people's throats," Tutunjian said. "There have been countless meetings about the zoning change, but it is clear that there still are some questions. The two weeks will allow time for more comment, and show everyone that our only goal is to have a vital and impressive future for Troy."

Tutunjian said the plan, which has been reviewed by the Council and the Planning Commission, would not please everyone, but it is a user-friendly version, that will encourage development in South Troy, as well as additional tax base.

"We are committed to the future of our City, and what is best for all its residents, businesses, and visitors," Tutunjian said. "I look forward to working with the Council and ask thank them in advance for all its cooperation in making sure the plan is completed."

Tutunjian said he also hoped a similar process would be followed in July for the Hoosick Street rezoning.